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Excise

Location of an arrack shop at Gangivasapali.

* 874 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : With reference to the reply to my question No. 91 regarding location of an arrack shop at Gangivasapalli answered on 24th August 1927, that he had no information, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to call for the information and place it on the table of the House?

A.—The information has been called for and will, when received, be placed on the table of the House.

Fisheries

The rate at which salt is issued for fish-curing yards.

* 875 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my question No. 217 answered on 26th August 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what action has been taken on the proposal for reducing the rate at which salt is issued for fish-curing purposes at fish-curing yards?

A.—The question is still under the consideration of Government.

Medical

Accommodation in the Government Royapetta Hospital.

* 876 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorial from the residents of Royapetta, Mylapore, Triplicane and Mirsahebpet for extending the accommodation of the Government Hospital in Royapetta, which is the one of its kind to serve such a vast area ; and

(b) whether, in view of the fact that the accommodation in the Royapetta Hospital is inadequate, the Government have made any attempts to extend it?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have decided that the question of increasing the accommodation in the Royapetta Hospital cannot be taken up at present. Any scheme for the improvement of this hospital must take its place with reference to the claims of other hospitals in the city and the mufassal for expansion.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Public Health the grievances that have been set forth in the memorial that has been sent to him?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I do not remember the details."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know the main grievances that have been set forth in the memorial?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I do not remember."

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Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN:—"May I know, Sir, if the hon. Minister does not think that the hospital has to serve a vast area and that it is not adequate to meet the needs?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"I have said, Sir, in answer to (b) that any scheme for the improvement of this hospital must take its place with reference to the claims of other hospitals in the city and the mufassal for expansion."

Alleged disparity in teaching allowances to men lecturers and women lecturers and its reasons.

*877 Q.—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that men lecturers in the Rayapuram Medical School receive a teaching allowance of Rs. 150 per mensem, while the women lecturers in the Lady Willingdon Medical School, Madras, possessing the same qualifications, are given only an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this differentiation?

A.—(a) & (b) The same rate of special pay (including teaching allowance) has now been sanctioned for the women lecturers in the Lady Willingdon Medical School for Women, Madras, as for the men lecturers in the Rayapuram Medical School.

Proposed extension of the Government Headquarters Hospital, Calicut.

*878 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have come to any and, if so, what conclusion regarding the acquisition of Mission lands and buildings in Calicut for the extension of the local Government Headquarters Hospital;

(b) whether the Government are aware—

(1) that the proposed acquisition will lead practically to the abolition of the Mission Girls' High School and the Boarding House attached to it and the Mission Women and Children's Hospital;

(2) that the Government themselves gave the Mission a grant of Rs. 10,000, so recently as 1925, for the construction of the Women and Children's Hospital;

(3) that the Mission Women and Children's Hospital is a real necessity in Calicut and serves to remove the congestion in the Government hospital;

(4) that the properties proposed to be acquired have been in the possession of the Mission for more than 90 years and that the Mission has several sacred associations connected with them;

(5) that the Girls' High School buildings and the Boarding House have been used by the Mission for educational purposes for more than 60 years;

(6) that the Government Headquarters Hospital, if extended to the lands proposed to be acquired, will seriously interfere with worship in the Mission church;

(7) that there was a proposal to acquire the property in question in 1920-21 and that it was given up in consequence of the objections raised by the Mission then; and